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In re Application of: KARL, Johann *et al.*
Serial No: 09/720,006
Filed: December 19, 2000
For: IMPROVEMENT OF BINDING ASSAYS BY
MULTIEPITOPE ANALYSIS AND BY COMBINING
ANTIGEN AND ANTIBODY DETERMINATION
Art Unit: 1641
Examiner: Kartic Padmanabhan

RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR §1.111

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

September 3, 2002

Dear Sir:

This reply is in response to the Official Action dated August 12, 2002 which has a shortened statutory period for response of one month that expires on September 12, 2002.

REMARKS

In view of the comments which follow, and pursuant to 37 CFR §1.111, reconsideration of the Official Action of August 12, 2002 is respectfully requested by Applicants.

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Dear Examiner Padmanabhan:

Attached is a Response Under 37 CFR Section 1.11 to the Office Action dated August 12, 2002.

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